Investment in infrastructure projects

1959. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission is preparing a strategic plan for investment in infrastructure projects and has been placed before the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the main points mentioned in the report;

(c) whether Government has considered it; and

(d) its main features and by what time it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (d) The strategy for infrastructure development in the Eleventh Plan reflects the dominant role of the public sector in building infrastructure. However, it also recognises that total resources required to meet the deficit in infrastructure exceed the capacity of the public sector. It is, therefore, necessary to attract private investment through appropriate forms of public private partnerships (PPPs) to meet the overall investment requirement. The strategy for the Eleventh Plan thus, also encourages private sector participation directly as well as through various forms of PPPs where desirable and feasible. The projected investment in infrastructure during the Eleventh Plan is about Rs. 20,56,150 crore. This includes public investment of about Rs. 14,36,559 crore and private investment of about Rs. 6,19,591 crore.

Tax on products for construction of roads

†1960. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tax is being collected from the consumers in the form of a cess on various products for construction of roads in the country;

(b) if so, the facts and names of the products on which the cess is being levied in the financial year 2008-09 for extension and development of road construction; and

(c) the total amount collected under tax realization till March, 2008 and the total amount which is estimated to be collected during the year 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Presently Rs. 2.00 per litre are levied as cess in the form of additional excise duty on both petrol and high speed diesel.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.